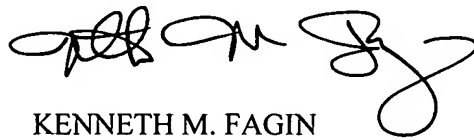


REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 6-9, 12, and 15-17 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and improper multiple dependencies, and claims 20-22 are newly presented.

Timely and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. M. Fagin', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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